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LETTER DATED 17 SEPTEMBER 1996 FROM THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA ON THE COMMITTEE ON RELATIONS WITH THE HOST COUNTRY ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

Enclosed please find the text of a note verbale dated 3 September 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations, responding to the latter's note verbale dated 1 September 1996 (A/AC.154/294, annex), regarding the necessary steps the United States Mission took to ensure Mr. Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta's admission into the United States through Dorval International Airport in Montreal.

I kindly request that the text of the present letter and its annex be circulated as an official document of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

(Signed) Victor MARRERO

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Note verbale dated 3 September 1996 from the United States Mission to the United Nations addressed to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations

The United States Mission to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Permanent Mission of Cuba to the United Nations and refers to the latter's Note no. NV-671-A of 1 September 1996 regarding a delay in admitting Second Secretary Pedro Luis Pedroso Cuesta into the United States on that date.

After learning of the incident, the United States Mission took the necessary action with the appropriate authorities to ensure Mr. Pedroso's admission through Dorval International Airport in Montreal on the morning of the next business day, 3 September 1996. The Permanent Mission of Cuba was informed by telephone at that time that Mr. Pedroso should proceed to the immigration authorities at Dorval Airport at the earliest possible opportunity.

The United States Mission is well aware of the diplomatic status of Second Secretary Pedroso Cuesta and of its obligations as host country to the United Nations. It is in that light that the United States Mission was pleased to have been able to take the necessary steps to ensure the Second Secretary's admission into the United States once it learned of the delay.